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Youth need physical activity infused into their daily routines more than ever now that school instruction is at home due to COVID-19. Not only is physical activity beneficial to kids' physical health, but it also can play a role in managing stress or anxiety and bring fun and laughter to their day.

Below are online resources to add an activity break into classroom teachers' lesson plans. Most are online videos. "Recess" is even being offered online through Playworks three times a day. School staff can also share these resources with families or older youth so they can design their own plans to stay active.

Organization	Website and link	Description	Age or grade level
 PLAYWORKS	Playworks https://www.playworks.org/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Play at home game guide with popular games ★ Play at home videos for families on their social media channels ★ Virtual recess on Facebook Live: Monday-Friday at 11, 1, and 3 CST until kids return to school. Search Facebook for Playworks 	All ages
	GoNoodle https://app.gonoodle.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Movement energizers <p>*Users need to set up an account.</p>	All ages
	Allina Health Powered Kids https://healthpoweredkids.org/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ A collection of activities to help young people make healthy eating, exercise, and life choices 	Grades pre-K-5
	Fit Sanford https://fit.sanfordhealth.org/	Find all kinds of activities in these core areas: recharge, mood, food, and move	K-5

	BrainPOP www.brainpop.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Movement energizers <p>*You can request free access to BrainPOP - click here</p>	K-8
	Walkabouts http://info.activedinc.com/covid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Walkabouts are on-demand adventures that transform math and language content into short, movement-rich activities 	Pre-K–2
	Change to Chill https://www.changetochill.org/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Stressbusters, Yoga, meditation, and more ★ Search under “Activities” on the top bar 	Secondary youth
	The Colorado Education Initiative http://www.coloradoedinitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/CEI-Take-a-Break-Teacher-Toolbox.pdf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Physical activity breaks for secondary classrooms 	Secondary youth
	TeensHealth De-stress & Relax Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Audio and video files that can help students unwind and reduce stress 	Teens
	YMCA 360 https://ymca360.org/	<p>YMCA is offering free, online classes. Check out the list of options for adults and youth.</p> <p>Example: There are 11 videos on youth sports performance.</p>	Youth aged 10 and up. Excellent for staff well-being
	CATCH	<p>These free activities require limited space and supervision and are organized into three sections: Physical activities, activity breaks, and family health and nutrition</p>	All ages

	https://www.catch.org/pages/health-at-home		
	Biking or walking	<p>Teach or refresh youth on bike safety:</p> <p>Pedestrian Safety instruction</p> <p>For parents biking - Helping your child be a safe bicyclist</p> <p>For youth biking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video bike safety - elementary and middle school • Video bike safety - high school, English 	All ages
Other suggestions:			
<p>Five minutes or less activity breaks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ 20 brain breaks videos to increase movement ★ YouTube search "Jammin minute" (example) ★ YouTube 5 Minute Kids Workouts To Do At Home <p>15- to 30-minute fitness activities and workouts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ YouTube search "workouts for kids." Examples: Kids Workout 1 Beginners or Kids Hiit Workout 2 ★ Advanced workout for teens and adults: 30-Minute HIIT Cardio Workout with Warm-Up ★ Yoga for children on Youtube: Yoga Ed. and Alo Yoga 			
<p>Physical activity ideas that DO NOT include videos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Dance. Throw a good old fashioned dance party. ★ Nature hike. What do you see? What do you hear? Do you see signs of spring? Journal your experience. ★ Physical activity task cards ★ Set up an obstacle course 			
Studios and organizations offering free classes			

- ★ [Commune virtual studio](#) - 35+ wellness courses and hundreds of yoga and meditation practices
- ★ [Peloton](#) - offering 90-day free trial; enables group participation in classes including yoga, strength training, meditation, and cardio workout